

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: May 27, 2014
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Business

- *FY 2014/15 Proposed Budget* - On Tuesday, May 13th, the Town held its Annual Town Meeting for Budget Consideration. The FY 14/15 operating, capital, and capital/nonrecurring budgets passed with 155 people voting in favor and 33 people opposed. Motions made and approved on the floor by voters were to increase the Council adopted budget by \$145,000 for K-8 education and by \$50,000 for transportation projects such as sidewalk repairs. As adopted at Town Meeting, the FY 2014/15 budgets are as follows:
 - General Fund (including Region 19 contribution) - \$46,884,224
 - Capital Fund - \$6,649,020
 - Capital Nonrecurring Fund - \$2,094,600
- *CL&P Interstate Reliability Project* – Construction activities in Mansfield this week include the surveying and installation of access roads and construction pads in the vicinity of Highland Road, Stone Ridge Lane, Stearns Road and Mansfield City Road. Crews will also be performing survey work and installing foundations in the vicinity of Hawthorne Lane and Bassetts Bridge Road and installing access roads and construction pads in the vicinity of Stafford Road. Additionally, crews will be clearing vegetation in the right of way in the vicinity of Mansfield City Road and Crane Hill Road. Weekly construction updates can be found at www.NEEWSprojects.com. Residents can also call 1-866-99NEEWS (1-866-996-3397) or email NEEWS@NU.com for more information.

Departmental Reports

- *Building and Housing Inspection* - Housing Inspector Derek Debus recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Mansfield Community Campus Partnership for his work and service in Mansfield. Congratulations, Derek!

Major Projects

- *Storrs Center* - The Partnership and master developer LeylandAlliance continue to hold monthly meetings with the commercial tenants to assist them with promotion and provide a forum for ideas and concerns.
 - *Price Chopper* - Price Chopper will hold its grand opening on Friday, June 6 at 8:00 AM. A preview event will be held on June 5 from 5:30-7:00 PM with donations going to the EO Smith Foundation, My Brother's Keeper Food Pantry, and the UConn Extension 4-H Program. Price Chopper will match all donations.
 - *Town Square* – The Town Square is open. Most of the horizontal work is complete except for electrical work which will be complete in July/August. The Town will soon go out to bid on the stage roof and light pylons for the green circle. The shade structure will be included in the big package as an add-alternate pending funding. Events will start to transition to the Town Square with the 11th annual Celebrate Mansfield Festival to be held there and on the surrounding streets on September 21. Events continue Downtown with Live Music Wednesday from 5:00-7:00 PM between Mooyahs and Geno's. The first Square Fair is scheduled for June 27 from 5:00-9:00 PM on Dog Lane and the Town Square (the inaugural Square Fair was rained out).

Upcoming Events

- *John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield* – The Town's annual John E. Jackman Tour de Mansfield will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014 from 7:00 AM – 12:30 PM. There will be a 5-mile Family Fun Ride, a 20-mile and 40-mile ride, and a free bike rodeo for kids. Rides begin and end at the Mansfield Community Center and lunch is included for all registered riders. Pre-registration by June 13th is \$20 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Registration on June 14th is an additional \$5. Children under 18 years of age ride free. For more information, please call 860-429-3015.
- *Square Fair* – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership announces a new monthly series of events: the Square Fair! Every fourth Friday from 5:00 to 9:00 PM, now through September, the Partnership will host local artists and makers in Dog Lane. A variety of artwork and crafts will be available for sale, including pottery, watercolors, oil paintings, jewelry, and hand-crafted soaps and lotions. The line-up of artists and makers varies from month to month, so there's always something new to see! Meet your friends for dinner or drinks, then browse the booths for unique art and gifts! Square Fair is free and open to the public. Rain cancels the event.
- *Storrs Farmers Market* – Storrs Farmers Market is now open for its 20th season. The Market is open every Saturday from May through Thanksgiving, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on the front lawn of the Beck Municipal Building. Everything sold at Storrs Farmers Market is grown or produced in Connecticut. In fact, the average distance from farm to market is just 12 miles! Visit www.storrsfarmersmarket.org for more information.

Miscellaneous

- *CIRMA Board of Directors* - Mayor Betsy Paterson has been named Chairman of CIRMA's Board of Directors. Betsy first became a member of CIRMA's Board of Directors in 2007. She is an active member of CCM, and has twice served as its President.
- *Memorial Day Parade and Commemoration Ceremonies* – Inclement weather required us to hold the annual event indoors. The E.O. Smith and Mansfield Middle School marching bands provided the music, Reverend Heather Bailes Baker from the First United Methodist Church gave the invocation and benediction, Mayor Betsy Paterson gave the welcoming remarks, Representative Linda Orange gave the address, Representative Gregory Haddad presented the Governor's Proclamation, and Christopher Paulhus led the Pledge of Allegiance. Special thanks to Lieutenant Colonel Paul Veilleux and Sara-Ann Bourque for serving another year as our invaluable master of ceremonies and event coordinator, respectively, and to all those who attended as a show of gratitude and respect for those who died protecting our liberties.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Human Services Advisory Committee, May 28, 2014, 3:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Inland/Wetlands Agency and Planning & Zoning Commission, June 2, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Four Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee, June 3, 2014, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Agriculture Committee Meeting, June 3, 2014, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advocates for Children, June 4, 2014, 5:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, June 5, 2014, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Parking Steering Committee, June 5, 2014, 6:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Housing Code Board of Appeals, June 9, 2014, 5:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Town Council**, June 9, 2014, 7:30PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*